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MEN OF THE TIME.

PLAYERS AND PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

By "Chatterer."

Richmond has appointed Mr. Walter Baker timekeeper.

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The gate receipts at the Carlton-Geelong match were £7 short of £200.

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Dr. Greenham (University) was in excellent trim throughout the match against Essendon.

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Dick Grigg, the captain of the Geelong lads, was in excellent trim half-back at Carlton. Billy Eason also caught the eye as a man of superior prowess.

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They are standing to their intention to refuse clearances to players wishing to leave the Richmond team. Incigneri and Les Abbott are desirous of going over to the Reds.

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Essendon's supporters are scattered over many distant parts of the globe. Letters recently received from South Africa contain the wish that the "same old" will repeat the premiership performance this season.

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Mark Shea, Essendon, wired from Adelaide a message of encouragement and goodwill to the Essendon team. The Desaillys, who were towers of strength to Essendon before most of the present players began to feel interested in football, also telegraphed a cheering word from the wayback country.

The dividend of Richmond at the St. Kilda match was the largest in the history of the matches between those teams.

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Ted Buist (Fitzroy) and Prince (St. Melbourne) were a wonderfully game and quick pair of opponents on Saturday.

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Essendon's work against Varsity was remarkably even. They played with beautiful system, and always with a lot of reserve force. Never fully extended. Very few mistakes. Played the ball. And when a team plays the ball it will win more matches than one which devotes its attention to the man.

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People were disappointed at East Melbourne owing to the non-appearance of Hartkopf, the burly Varsity youth. He is unable to play owing to an injured knee, and it is doubtful if he will be afield again this year. Do I hear someone say "Hartluck?" Steward! Steward!!

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Decidedly unfortunate is little Ramsay Anderson. He has twice been laid out through violent contact with his head and the ground. Once last year he hit it hard while playing for Essendon. On Saturday, while playing against Essendon for University, he went down at almost the same spot. Joe McCormick, trainer of the students, helped him off the ground, and the doctor ordered complete quiet and rest.

Mr. W. Fleming, an old vice-president of the Essendon club, died on Sunday. He was father of Mr. W. Fleming, an ex-captain of the good old days, and now one of Essendon's capable and hard-working delegates to the League.

Has anyone seen Kirby? Sure. He was a conspicuous boy for Essendon on Saturday, and gives promise of being a very prominent man of the time this season among the forwards. Five goals is not a bad score to begin with



Hedley Tomkins, Melbourne's Clever Rover.

No player received a more encouraging welcome than that which greeted Jim Martin when he accompanied Essendon into the field on Saturday. Time and again they gave him the merry cheer for slashing work forward. He showed perfect judgment in his passes.

"I think it is the biggest team I have ever played against," says Geo. Bruce, Carlton's secretary and wing man, when referring to the Geelong side. They marked beautifully, and used their height and reach well, but on ground work Carlton were their masters.

Young Bert Armstrong was played on the back division for Essendon, and acquitted himself brilliantly. Brother Lou was also at his best up among the goals.

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Some club officials went after a player in a taxi cab. He played on Saturday, and shaped so badly that one of the bunch remarked, "We'll take him back in a hearse."

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R. Stearnes and Mills, who played for West Adelaide, are up against hard luck. The South Australian League has refused to grant them clearances, much to the disappointment of Carlton, who hoped for great things from both men. I hear that they are thinking of going to Tasmania, where they lived before they went to Adelaide.

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Joker Hall was all smiles during the week. The Melbourne coach was delighted over the win against Collingwood. "The best game the team has given us for years," he said. "Their passing, handball and picking out their men were excellent. I only hope every game will be as fair and clean. Then, win or lose, I shall be satisfied."

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Congratulations were showered on Melbourne men after the match. First to give the glad hand were Bill Strickland, Ernie Copeland and Jack Joyce, of Collingwood. After those fine sportsmen came Mr. Justice Cussen, Melbourne's president, who eulogised the Collingwood team as a combination of manly players. The judge afterwards went into Collingwood's room and complimented the magpie players.

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The South Melbourne people have accepted the League's ruling in refusing Harvey Kelly's permit with good grace. Had he come from Tasmania cleared by the Tasmanian League direct to South Melbourne there would have been no option but for the permit committee to pass him on. But having merely had a clearance to Victoria he is regarded as a player for Carlton, and a clearance from Carlton was necessary. But Carlton want him for the dark blue uniform.

Fred. Holland, who received a permit to play for Brunswick on Wednesday night, is a brother of the boy who was not allowed to attend the compulsory military drill at Broken Hill owing to the objection of his father, who does not believe in the idea. Pa was fined £100. Most good Australians are heartily in favour of the training of the youth in the way they should shoot.

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Tom Baxter, the nimble rover of Collingwood, and once the pride of the magpie flock, has expressed the opinion that a large section of the black and white supporters are hostile to him, and that owing to that he could not do himself justice in Collingwood's colours. But the players have confidence in him. Tom is going to St. Kilda.

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There is a maxim "It is a long lane that has no turning," and, while it has been quoted in regard to the Melbourne team, the members say it is no longer necessary to apply it to them, as they have found a "Long Lane" (6 ft. 6in.) with so many turnings that they hope will lead them on to the premiership.

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George Topping is not No. 13, yet he was the unlucky man at Carlton. He played beautiful football up to the third quarter, when he received an injury to his knee. Since Saturday he has been getting about on a crutch.

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Talking of the unlucky number, Hughie Johns, Essendon's head serang of the training staff, heard them talking of No. 13 on Saturday. "What's in a number?" he asked, as he pointed to the board, which showed Essendon's score as 13.13. No misfortune attended that coincidence, and Essendonians will doubtless not feel annoyed if they never score less than the double thirteens.

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It has been stated that Bill Walker beat Lal McLennan by one vote for the vice-captaincy of Fitzroy. This was not so, as the defeated man was Wally Johnson.

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Fitzroy claim that they would have beaten South Melbourne if the goal-kicking department were stronger. By the way, they did beat the red and white in pace. It was a slashing game.

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"He will be a second Thurgood," say the Richmond critics in speaking of Keggins, the recruit from Leopold. If he should develop into anything like the ability of Albert the Great then Richmond has secured a star.

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Collingwood is a reputedly slow starting team, and have you not heard when the season is well advanced "Watch Collingwood." They were left at the mark on Saturday, and Melbourne were so sorry that they could not be caught.

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Fine sportsmanship was shown at Collingwood players' meeting for the election of captain and vice-captain. Jim Sharp was nominated for captain, but declined, and proposed J. McHale, who, he said, deserved the honour, and he would do all in his power to assist him. Dick Lee, last year's vice, then proposed Jim Sharp for that position. When such a fine sporting feeling is shown by the players at the outset of the season a pleasant and happy season is assured, even though not so successful as anticipated from a playing point of view.

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In announcing last week that Mr. A. A. Manzie had been elected hon. treasurer of the League, I inadvertently omitted to mention that his predecessor, Mr. E. W. Copeland did not seek re-election, for the reason that he considered it was time his co-delegate, Mr. W. Strickland, held office. It is an understood thing that two delegates of the same club should not be in League office at the same time, and Mr. Copeland retired in order that his colleague might obtain the honour of vice-presidency, which so many years of energetic service in behalf of football merited.

Bröken Hill people and those from the West will remember Mann, who used to be a slick follower in their midst. He is now in Melbourne, still entertaining the public, but as George Devine, a singer of songs of the Sam Mayo school.

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Wagers have been won and lost owing to the fact that Frank Caine's hair is very grey. He looks about 40 years older than he is, but is many years on the sunny side of thirty. He this week received his permit to play for Essendon.

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I noticed a young bachelor sewing his number on his jersey in the University room on Saturday. It struck me that it would have been a kindly act if some sweet girl graduate—a bachelor of hearts, so to speak—had come forward and had done the work for him. She would have begun, I suppose, like all women by laughing at the way he threaded the needle.

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Mr. Jack Ryan, treasurer of Essendon, got off a good one on Saturday. Some ladies in the pavilion complained that the flag prevented them from seeing the play. The flag, by the way, was the new pennant won last season and unfurled on Saturday for the first time. The ladies asked Mr. Jack Connor to try and have it placed so that the ladies could see the game without interruption. When he mentioned the matter to Mr. Ryan the latter quietly replied: "It's pretty good to ask us to pull down a flag which it has taken us ten years to get."

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"Jack," who shoos trespassers away from the doorway of the Essendon dressing-room, was on guard on Saturday. One of those extra enthusiastic bunch who are always to be seen (when a team is on top) anxious to fraternise with footballers, but who keep away with great unanimity when it is beaten, came along. Jack fixed him with his eye and said, "You can't go in there." "What!" gasped the barracker; "have you got a gold mine in the room? I've tried to get in for two years, and have always been stopped." "Try again in two years' time, and if I'm here that will make four years of non-success," sweetly rejoined Jack.

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Topping's injury will keep him out of Carlton's team for a week or two. Fluid has formed in the knee. To-day Green will play in his place.

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At South Melbourne last week Sloss received a nasty bump on the hip, which will prevent him from taking the field to-morrow. His place will be taken by the Leopold rover and forward, Rus-sick, who is a deadly goalist with either foot.

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St. Kilda "struck a snag" in Richmond. They anticipated an easy victory, but many of the stars of the team failed them. The forwards, too, bungled badly, and much improvement is needed in this department.

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Buzzy will make his reappearance with Essendon to-day. Walker has contracted influenza, and will have a rest. Great things are expected from Godfrey, hailing from Trentham, who is reputed to be a fine high mark and good kick. He has shown promising form at practice.

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Vic. Cumberland will greatly strengthen the Saints' ruck to-morrow. "Cumby" is still suffering from an injured toe, but he thinks it will stand the strain of the match. Baxter (Collingwood's clever rover), if he obtains his permit, will have his first run with the tricolours at Geelong.

Geelong's secretary (Mr. Chas. Brownlow) has done a very sportsman-like action, which the University club heartily appreciates. J. Brake, the Varsity star follower, is at Geelong all the week, and Mr. Brownlow offered him the "freedom of the city" in the matter of training. Brake has been doing his track work with the Pivot team.

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Mutch has contracted a poisoned arm, and will be replaced in Collingwood's team to-day by Rowan, who has quite recovered from his recent indisposition. Another change in the team is the substitution of Wilkinson, a rather smart forward, for V. Jackson.

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Readers of the "Record" will be able to see at a glance from week to week the results of all the matches played during the year. On pages 30 and 31 will be found the fixtures for the season, and the results of each Saturday's matches will be chronicled also.

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Eicke had to stand down from St. Kilda's 18 last week. He was suffering from boils, which have healed now, and he will play at Geelong. Martyn, the Warrnambool man, is a beautiful mark at practice—in fact, none of the team can "get near him"—but in the match against Richmond he adopted the bad habit of going up behind his man, and failed on several occasions.

Valentine and Challis gave a clever exhibition of hand passing and stab kicking at one period of the match on the Carlton Oval last Saturday. Both are "trimmers" at the game, and play clever and attractive football.

Highest Number of Goals in a Season by Any One Player.

Dave McNamara (Essendon Association), 1911, 81 goals. Next best performances are F. Caine (North Melbourne), 1910, 70; J. Hutchinson (Foot-



Billy Eason, Geelong's Captain.

Of course, you noticed the speaking photographs of prominent players in our opening number. Good, weren't they? I should rather say so. No expense is being spared in doing the thing properly, by giving to the public a "Record" that is alive with interest.

scray), 1908, 68; J. Hutchinson Richmond), 1907, 67; A. J. Thurgood (Essendon, League), 1901, 64; A. J. Thurgood (Essendon, League), 1900, 63; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1909, 58; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1910, 58; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1908, 54.

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RICHMOND'S GOAL.

LOVE (R.)

MORTIMER (S.M.)

GIBSON (R.)

THORPE (R.)

RICKETTS (S.M.)

CHARGE (S.M.)

O'DONOGHUE (R.)

BURNS (R.)

FARREL (R.)

RUSSICK (S.M.)

HISKENS (S.M.)

MULLALY (S.M.)

OHLSEN (R.)

(Rover)
MAYBURY (R.)

HERBERT (R.)

BOWDEN (R.)

REEVES (R.)

OLIVER (R.)

PRINCE (S.M.)

BOWER (S.M.)

CALDWELL (S.M.)

MILNE (S.M.)

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CARPENTER (S.M.)
(Rover)

BELCHER (S.M.)

KEGGIN (R.)

HEANEY (R.)

WELLS (R.)

GRIMSHAW (S.M.)

THOMAS (S.M.)

SCOBIE (S.M.)

JAMES (R.)

JONES (R.)

DEAS, R. (S.M.)

FRANKS (S.M.)

MAGUIRE (R.)

PENTLAND (S.M.)

SOUTH MELBOURNE'S GOAL.

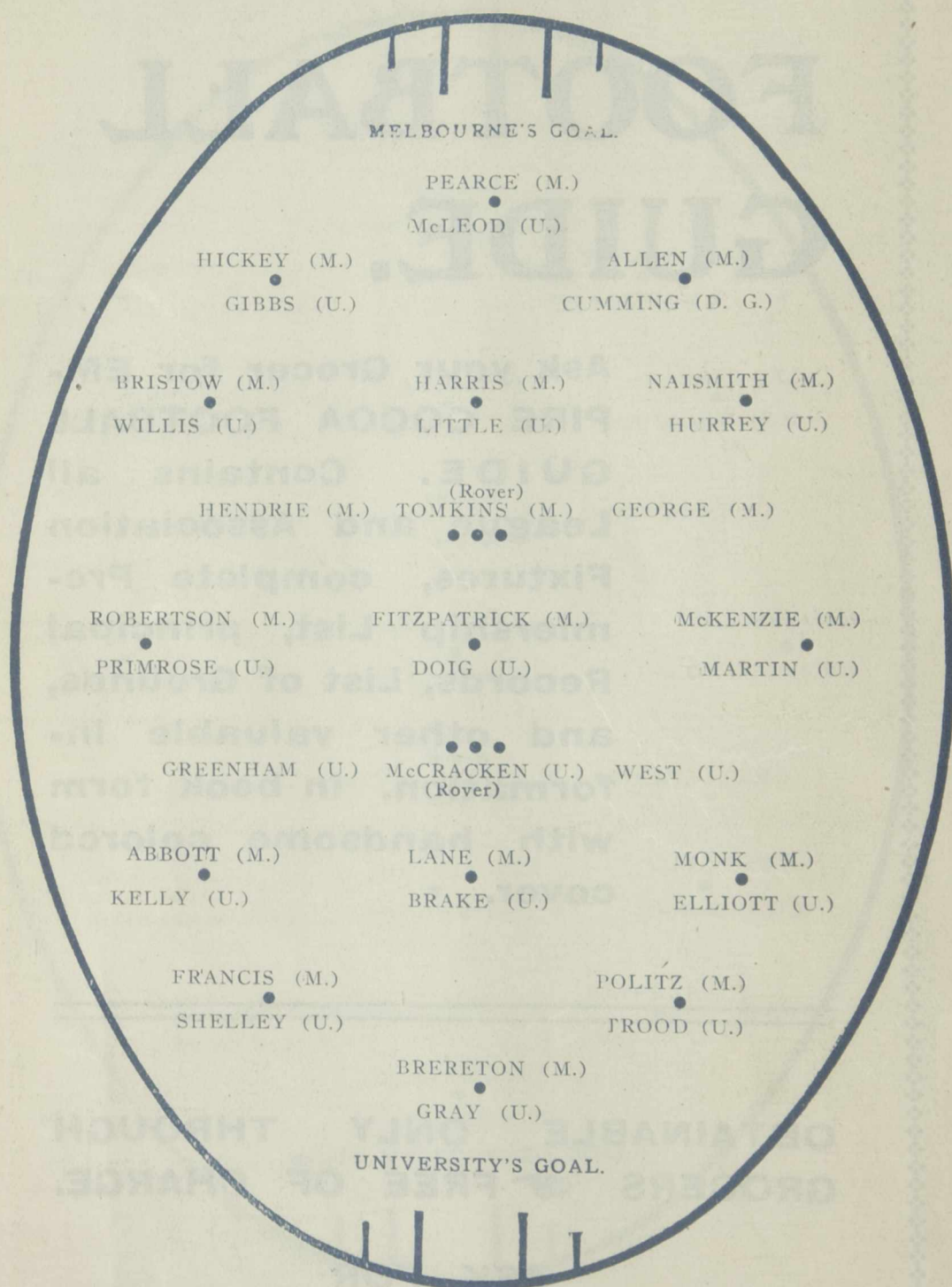
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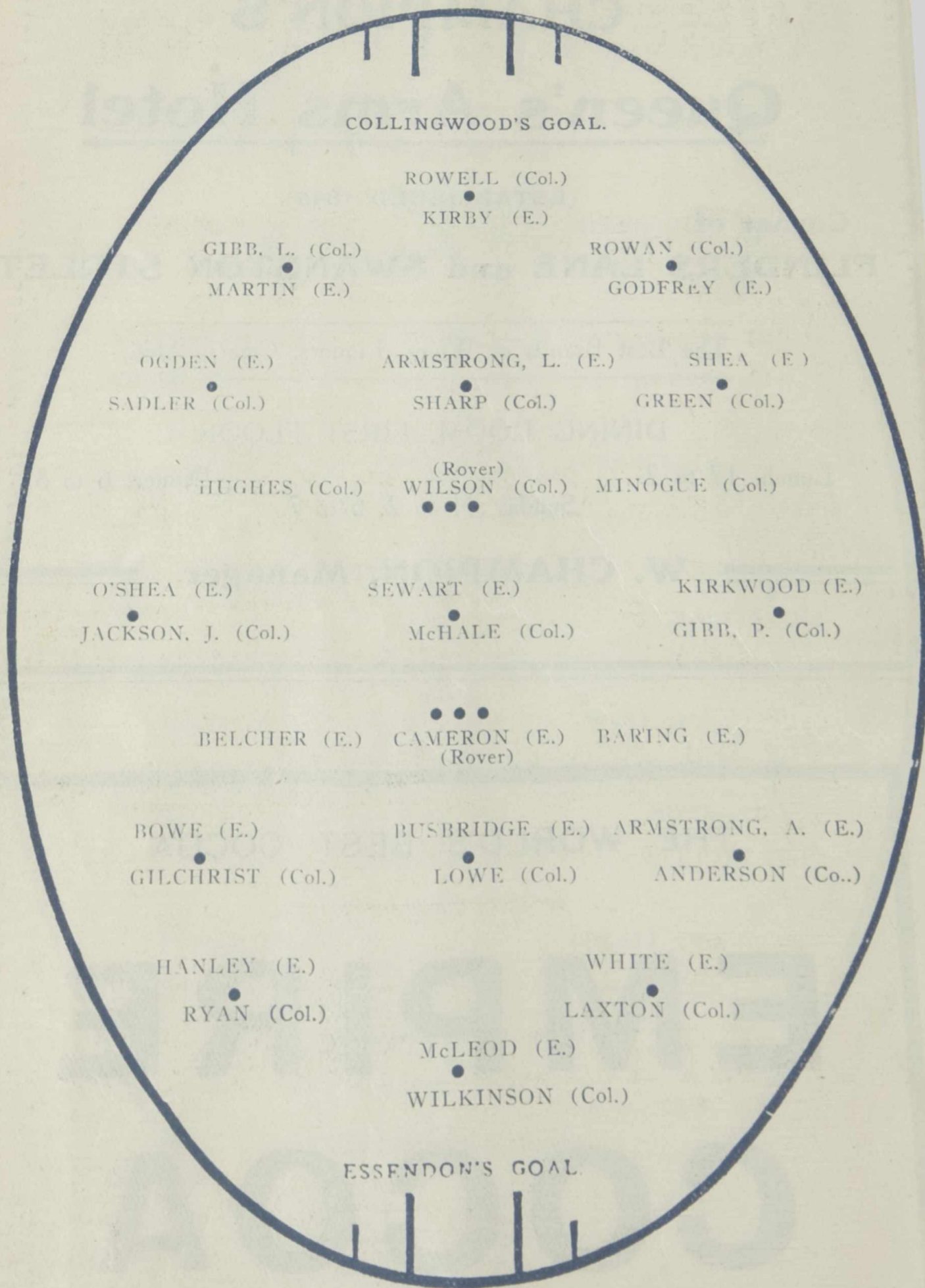
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Martin and Schofield, back and forward respectively, have been included in Geelong's team against St. Kilda. Corder and Fairbairn will have a spell.

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Tom Strownix, a hefty follower from South Melbourne, finds a place in 'Roy's team to-day. Holmes, the ex-Bendigonian, who played one or two games with 'Wood, will play on the forward line in place of Dahl.

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Many footballers are evidently superstitious. Club secretaries in some cases have found it hard to persuade

players to accept the devil's number, 13. It was found necessary to draw for the numbers in some instances, whilst in others the numbers were allotted to players' names in alphabetical order.

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Geelong's form last Saturday was a disappointment to their supporters. Bad judgment in passing and shepherding lost them a lot of points. Martini, who had kicked so accurately the week previous, failed on Saturday, though he hit the post once, and made two or three fine attempts from well over 50 yds. out.



R. Pierce, St. Kilda.



J. Haughton, Carlton.

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3. BOWER, G.
4. CALDWELL, J.
5. CHARGE, L.
6. CARPENTER, F.
7. DEAS, R.
8. DEAS, G.
9. FRANKS, A.
10. GRIMSHAW, T.
11. HISKENS, A.
12. KERR, A.
13. MILNE, H.
14. MULLALY, R.
15. MORTIMER, L.
16. PENTLAND, A.
17. PRINCE, J.
18. SLOSS, B.
19. SCOBIE, J.
20. THOMAS, W.
21. WALSH, J.
22. CASEY, R.
23. RUSSICK, L.
24. SALTAU, H.
25. TANDY, M.
26. PUNSHON, A.
27. COMER, F.

RICHMOND.

1. HERBERT
2. OHLSEN, E. (Capt.)
3. MAYBURY
4. LOVE
5. FREEMAN
6. GIBSON
7. BURNS
8. O'DONOGHUE
9. FARREL
10. BOWDEN
11. REEVES
12. OLIVER
13. WELLS
14. HEANEY
15. JAMES
16. JONES
17. MAGUIRE
18. KEGGIN

MELBOURNE.

1. ALLEN, W.
2. BRERETON, H.
3. GEORGE, A. (Capt.)
4. FITZPATRICK, J.
5. HENDRIE, W.
6. McKENZIE, W.
7. HICKEY, W.
8. HARRIS, F.
9. MONK, R.
10. ROBERTSON, J.
11. TOMKINS, H.
12. KENNEDY
13. FRANCIS, H.
14. BRISTOW, J.
15. LANE, T.
16. FLINTOFT, W.
17. NAISMITH, W.
18. COPE, H.
19. PEARCE, J.
20. SYKES, W.
25. POLITZ, E.
26. ODGERS, H.
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UNIVERSITY.

1. ANDERSON, R.
2. BRAKE, J.
3. CUMMING, D. G.
4. DOIG, K.
5. ELLIOTT, G. S.
6. GIBBS, R. H. M.
7. GRAY, J.
8. GREENHAM, D. P.
9. HARBECK, L.
10. HARTKOPF, A. E.
11. HURREY, H. G.
12. KELLY, L. H.
13. LITTLE, L. P.
14. MARTIN, S. C.
15. McCracken, R.
16. McLEOD, J. K.
17. NICHOLSON, J. D.
18. PRIMROSE, L. J.
19. SHELLEY, J. E.
20. TAYLOR, T. E.
21. TROOD, L. V.
22. WALKER, W. J.
23. WEST, J.
24. WILLIS, C. B.

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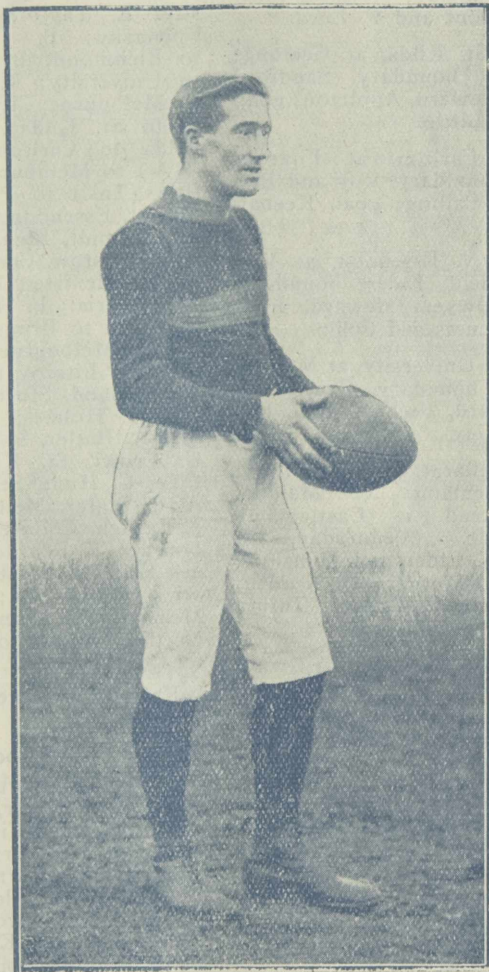
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Longest Kicks.

Place Kick.—Dave McNamara, 84 yards, at St. Kilda Ground, 3rd April, 1909; C. Robbins, 69 yards 2 feet, Upper Reserve, Bendigo, 24th May, 1900.
Place Kick, Rugby.—74 yards, E.

Association.—41,000, at final game between Brunswick and Footscray, at M.C.G., 1908.

N.S.W.—Rugby Union rules, 52,000, New South Wales v. New Zealand, at Sydney Cricket Ground.



P. Gibson, Richmond.

Doyle, August, 1903, Ireland. J. Angus, 71 yards, Sydney, April, 1892.

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Largest Attendances.

League.—50,261, at final match between Carlton and Essendon, at M.C.G., 1908. £1776/2/- was taken at the gates.

England.—110,000, at Crystal Palace, London, England v. Scotland (British Association game), March, 1912.

Highest Rugby Gate Receipts.—South Africa v. Wales, at Swansea, 1906, £2879. New Zealand v. Wales, at Cardiff, £2651.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES.

League.

Richmond v. South Melbourne, at Richmond: Field, Vernon; boundary, Davies and Stanisby; steward, Martin; goal, Sigmont and F. Lucas.

Geelong v. St. Kilda, at Geelong: Field, Nugent; boundary, Sandford and Murphy; steward, Appleton; goal, Chapman and Little.

Fitzroy v. Carlton, at Fitzroy: Field, Ottey; boundary, Roy and Bishop; steward, Palling; goal, Keenan and Franks.

Collingwood v. Essendon, at Victoria Park: Field, Elder; boundary, McCall and Dwyer; steward, Fontaine; goal, J. Lucas and Collins.

Melbourne v. University, at M.C.G.: Field, James; boundary, Green and Doherty; steward, Feehan; goal, Devine and Buckley.

Country.—Ballarat, Clarke and Pierce; Castlemaine v. Maldon, Ayles; Newstead v. Castlemaine Foundry, Boyle. Wednesday, 8th May.—Bendigo, Elder and Winslow; Rushworth v. Murchison, Norden; Kyabram v. Echuca, Tulloch; Tatura v. Shepparton, Beauchamp.

Association.

Brighton v. Northcote, at Brighton: Field, Hurley; boundary, P. O'Loughlin and Mulvany; goal, McGee and Watson.

Brunswick v. Prahran, at Brunswick: Field, Truscott; boundary, Woolfe and Pye; goal, Elder and Weedon.

Melbourne City v. Williamstown, at East Melbourne: Field, Houston; boundary, McKenry and Marmo; goal, McDermott and Gregory.

Port Melbourne v. Essendon, at Port Melbourne: Field, Kendall; boundary, J. O'Loughlin and Curwood; goal, De Coite and Molyneaux.

North Melbourne v. Footscroy, at North Melbourne: Field, Darcy; boundary, Harris and Darby; goal, Appleby and Daniel.

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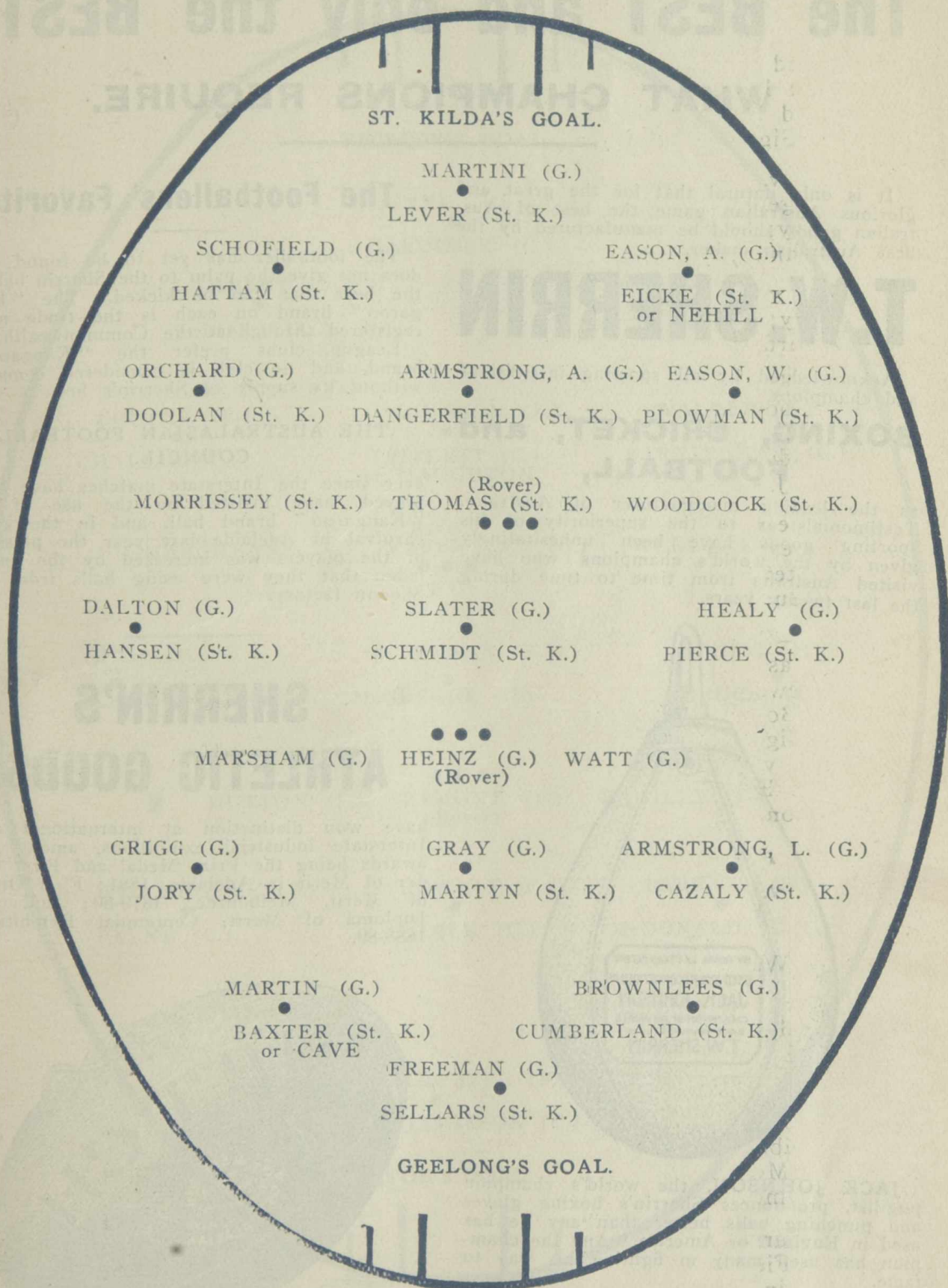
League.

R. Cave, Footscray to St. Kilda; R. Anderson, Essendon to University; L. Primrose, Golden Point to University; E. Taylor, South Ballarat to University; B. J. Sheppard, Melb. to Richmond; B. Little, Port Melb. to University; R. Briggs, St. Kilda to Melbourne City; R. Harris, Carlto to St. Kilda; J. F. Stewart, St. Kilda to Carlton; T. Lane, Sturt (S.A.) to Melbourne; J. Mulross, Le-froy (Tas.) to Port Melbourne; C. Abbott, Essendon (A.) to Melbourne; W. Schmidt, Richmond to St. Kilda; J. M. Bristow, Carlton to Melbourne; H. M. Glenister, Footscray to Ballarat Imperial; F. Holland, Paddington (N.S.W.) to Brunswick; T. Strownix, South Melbourne to Fitzroy; W. Heatley, Fitzroy to Brighton; H. V. Cumberland, Sturt (S.A.) to St. Kilda; W. Holmes, Northcote to Fitzroy; A. Butler, St. Kilda to Brighton; C. Crowl, St. Kilda to Melbourne City; C. Hunt, St. Kilda to Fitzroy; A. C. Slater, Melbourne to Prahran; J. Carden, Collingwood to Port Melbourne; T. Reardon, Fitzroy to Golden Point, Ballarat; F. Triplet, Brunswick to Carlton; F. Caine, North Melbourne to Essendon; H. Haughton, Northcote to Carlton; G. Rowles, Preston to Richmond.

Refused.—H. Kelly, Carlton to Sth. Melbourne.

Association.

A. Daniels, Northcote to Melbourne City; W. Bulger, Footscray (1910) to Melbourne City; R. Briggs, St. Kilda to Melbourne City; R. O'Connor, Williamstown to Brunswick; A. L. Butler, St. Kilda to Brighton; W. Carden, Collingwood to Port Melb.; C. Crown, St. Kilda to Melbourne City; B. Robertson, Brighton to New South Wales; A. Knox, Port Melbourne to Devenport (Tas.); G. Rowles, Preston to Richmond; R. Horsley, Preston to Sturt (S.A.); W. Holmes, Northcote to Fitzroy; F. Caine, North Melbourne to Essendon (L.); F. Triplett, Brunswick (1904) to Carlton; A. Armstrong, Brighton (1907) to Geelong; H. Haughton, Northcote to Carlton.



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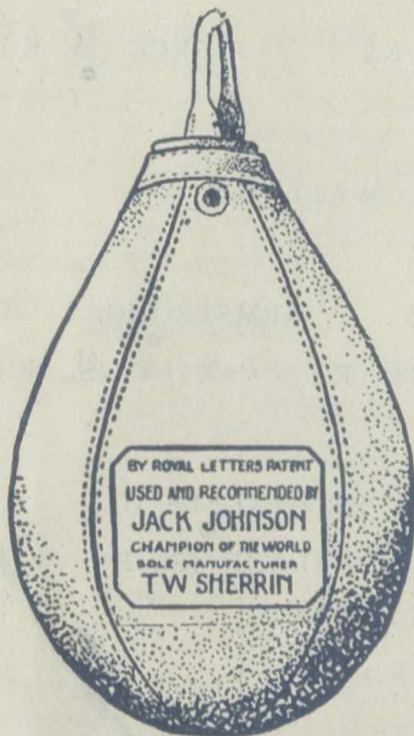
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CARLTON'S GOAL.

CONCERNING THE GAME.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

By "Wideawake."

Old friendships were renewed and new ones formed on Saturday. Players met; barrackers met "My friend, Mr. So-and-So," said the player, introducing his club mate before the match started. "See you later," said the introducee, and subsequently introducer, introducee and introduced would meet in the clash of battle, enjoying themselves hugely in the warfare, which was good for them and good for us to see in looking over the fence.

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And we who peep o'er the pickets and crack the welkin' with our cheers and noise—some of us would term it song, albeit our best friends consider us sad and themselves sadder when they hear us sing—we were glad to again meet and yarn and barrack for old times' sake.

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The mistake some of the old-timers make is to prate about the superiority of players in the good old days as compared with the present-day lads. Possibly the fine favourable opinion is one to which they are entitled, and it may be that those of us who now are young may some day be "an old geezer" too,

and that then we'll pitch our memories back to these days as the time of the hefty boy 'baller.

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But is is equally possible that the old 'uns consider the play of the back numbers so much better because it was the play of the period when they were known in the sport, and so received more lasting impressions of men's skill. After all, it is only a case of different times; different men. Good luck to them all—granddad, dad and dad's big boy! May dad's big boy play the game as well as dad did, better than granddad did, and as well as he himself should play a game that is well worth playing well.

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He's mine; I saw him first. I think he must have kept a boarding-house, and spent his time up to now in keeping the gas meter locked. I met him on Saturday and he said, "What knocks me silly is the number of elderly women who come to football."

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He was cute enough to merely whisper it, for the woman who is ready to

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acknowledge herself aged has yet to be found, and it is considered dangerous in the hatpin age to accuse an old girl of 60 of being over 30.

* * *

Although he was knocked silly on beholding the ancient lady barrackers, he soon recovered his mental balance, and barracked as merrily as they did. Moreover, he threatens to buy a punching ball and to "take lessons," so that he may, if necessary by and bye, "biff the bloomin' umpire." What microbe is it that gets into the blood and sets everybody against that poor unfortunate mortal?

* * *

It strikes me that it is more pleasant to touch upon the topics as they occur to the mind rather than to sit down and endeavour to churn out ponderous slabs of football philosophy. And so you get the variety which is the spice of football reading during the waiting intervals at the different matches.

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The League has often been blamed for the poorness of the umpiring in years gone by, but the blame has been most unjustly attributed to that body. It does its best, and all the captious criticism of the world cannot bring out from anybody better than the best. The fact is that umpires are like poets—born not made.

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Then what about stewards? Oh, my eye, how absurd one of them made him-

self appear on Saturday. It was his first appearance, and he succeeded wonderfully in making himself look as serious as a blacktracker. They have been carefully instructed that the field umpires have control of the game, and that the stewards are not to encroach too far into the play. Yet in this particular instance the steward was more like a field umpire than steward. He stood near the mark, waited and watched for the kick, and went off with the bunch. He kept his eye as much on the ball as he did on the scrimmaging.

* * *

You would have thought at times that he was a "demon" searching for clues. He carried himself in the crouching attitude, as if the players were all suspected persons liable to use their elbows as javelins and the like. He looked ready to spring forward and exclaim, "You're the one."

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The steward idea is a good one, and the League deserves commendation for the innovation; but the match I saw was played in the most manly spirit. It was free from objection.

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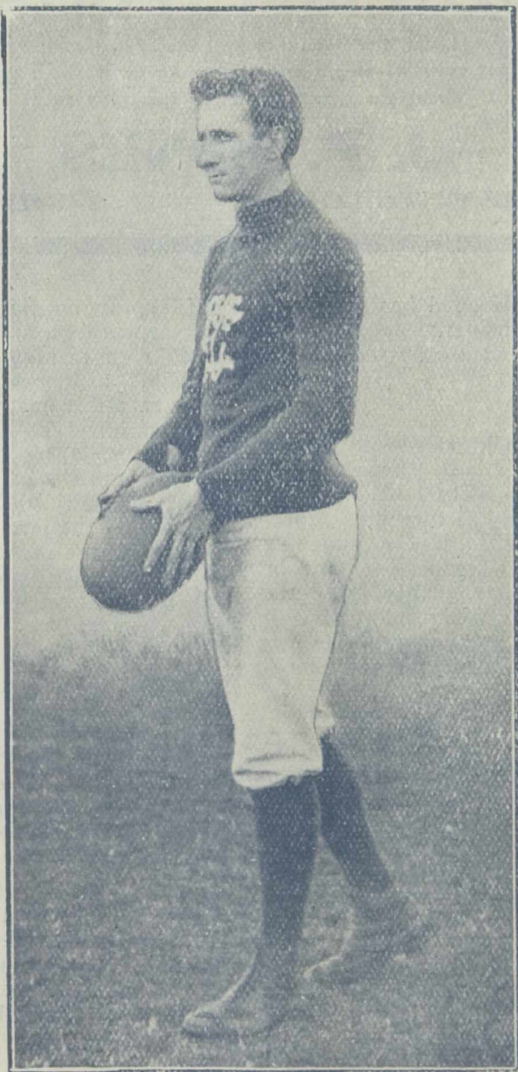
No. I am not quite right in that statement. The objection was the grotesque misconception of his duties by the steward. He looked like a comic opera cove to those who understand the game, but to strangers such a theatrical chasing after rough play is likely to give the game a bad name. The umpire and

permit committee has not been slow to recognise this point, I am pleased to know.

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"If that steward does not keep out of the danger zone he may come down in the crowd," remarked a player during the half-time interval on Saturday.

was at East Melbourne on Saturday, when the thick black smoke from a passing railway train fell over the ground. He coughed and spluttered as old men do when the drop o' gin goes down the wrong way, and then piped out: "I never remember such a cloud o' smoke here before."



Rod. McGregor, Carlton's Smart Centre Man.

You know those withered potatoes that some people carry in their trousers pockets to ward off rheumatism. An old man with a face like the ancient tuber

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a match in one of the manufacturing cities noted for the quality and density of its smoke. "Who's battin', John, laad?" "T' Australians, feyther." "Then stoke up and let t' smoke ower t' field so as them will be out in time for we to see W.G battin' tomorrow."

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Speaking of the cricketers, Essendonians at East Melbourne on Saturday thought much of Dave Smith, and expressed the wish that David would smite the English bowling hip and thigh before he is done with it.

Dimensions of League Grounds.

The dimensions of the League grounds are as under:—Melbourne, 190 yds. by 165 yds.; South Melbourne, 189 yds. by 154 yds.; Carlton, 182 yds. by 165 yds.; East Melbourne, 187 yds. by 147 yds.; Fitzroy, 170 yds. by 155 yds.; Richmond, 168 yds. by 148 yds.; Collingwood, 149 yds. by 156 yds.; St. Kilda, 186 yds. by 154 yds.; Geelong, 190 yds. by 151 yds.

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Positions of Goal Posts.

Carlton.—East and West.
Collingwood.—East and West.
Essendon.—North and South.
Fitzroy.—East and West.
Geelong.—North and South.
Melbourne.—East and West.
Richmond.—North and South.
South Melbourne.—East and West.
St. Kilda.—North and South.
University.—East and West.

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APRIL 27.

Richmond 7.11 v. St. Kilda 6.10.
 Carlton 9.16 v. Geelong 4.7.
 Essendon 17.14 v. University 6.6.
 South Melbourne 7.5 v. Fitzroy 4.10.
 Melbourne 9.14 v. Collingwood 5.9.

MAY 4.

Richmond v. Sth. Melb., at Richmond.
 St. Kilda v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 Fitzroy v. Carlton, at Fitzroy.
 Collingwood v. Essendon, at C'wood.
 University v. Melbourne, at M.C.G.

MAY 11.

Richmond v. University, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Collingwood v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Sth. Melb. v. Melbourne, at Sth. Melb.
 Fitzroy v. Geelong, at Fitzroy.

MAY 18.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Richmond.
 University v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
 Melbourne v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 Carlton v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

MAY 25.

Collingwood v. Richmond, at C'wood.
 Melbourne v. Carlton, at M.C.G.
 Essendon v. Geelong, at E.M.C.G.
 St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at St. Kilda.
 Fitzroy v. University, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 1.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at Carlton.
 Richmond v. Essendon, at Richmond.
 Sth. Melb. v. University, at M.C.G.
 Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
 Geelong v. Collingwood, at Geelong.

JUNE 3.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 University v. Collingwood, at C'wood.
 Carlton v. Richmond, at Carlton.
 Melbourne v. Essendon, at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.

JUNE 8.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at M.C.G.
 St. Kilda v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Collingwood.
 Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Carlton.
 Geelong v. University, at Geelong.

JUNE 15.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Carlton v. University, at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. Essendon, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 22.

St. Kilda v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Carlton v. Geelong, at Geelong.
 Essendon v. University, at M.C.G.

Fitzroy v. Sth. Melb., at Fitzroy.
 Melb. v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JUNE 29.

Richmond v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Geelong v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Fitzroy v. Carlton, at Carlton.
 Collingwood v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 University v. Melbourne, at M.C.G.

JULY 6.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at M.C.G.

JULY 13.

University v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Carlton v. Essendon, at Carlton.
 Collingwood v. St. Kilda, at C'wood.
 Sth. Melb. v. Melb., at M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. Geelong, at Geelong.

JULY 20.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at E.M.C.G.
 Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
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 Melbourne v. Geelong, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JULY 27.

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 St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Fitzroy v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 3.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
 Richmond v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Sth. Melb. v. University, at Sth. Melb.
 Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at M.C.G.
 Geelong v. Collingwood, at C'wood.

AUGUST 10.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at Adelaide
 League v. Ballarat and Bendigo, at
 Melbourne Cricket Ground.

AUGUST 17.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Geelong.
 University v. Collingwood, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 Melbourne v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
 Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at Fitzroy.

AUGUST 24.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at Richmond.
 St. Kilda v. Essendon, at St. Kilda.
 Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
 Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
 Geelong v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 31.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Geelong.
 Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at C'wood.
 Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
 Carlton v. University, at Carlton.
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SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28.

Semi-finals and finals, at M.C.G.

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 North Melbourne 10.14 v. Prahran 9.4.

MAY 4.

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 Brunswick v. Prahran, at Brunswick.
 Melb. City v. 'Town, at East Melb.
 Port Melb. v. Essendon, at Port Melb.
 Nth. Melb. v. Footscray, at N. Melb.

MAY 11.

Essendon v. 'Town, at Essendon.
 Northcote v. Prahran, at Croxton Park.
 Pt. Melb. v. Melb. City, at Pt. Melb.
 Footscray v. Brighton, at Footscray.
 Brunswick v. Nth. Melb., at Brunswick.

MAY 18.

Prahran v. Pt. Melb., at Toorak Park.
 Footscray v. Essendon, at Footscray.
 Melb. City v. Brighton, at East Melb.
 'Town v. Brunswick, at Williamstown.
 Nth. Melb. v. Northcote, at Nth. Melb.

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JUNE 3.

Northcote v. Footscray, at Croxton Pk.
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 Nth. Melb. v. 'Town, at Nth. Melb.

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 Essendon v. Nth. Melb., at Essendon.

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 Brunswick v. Pt. Melb., at Brunswick.
 Brighton v. Prahran, at Brighton.

JUNE 22.

Pt. Melb. v. 'Town, at Pt. Melb.
 Brighton v. Essendon, at Brighton.
 Melb. City v. Footscray, at East Melb.
 Brunswick v. Northcote, at Brunswick.
 Nth. Melb. v. Prahran, at Nth. Melb.

JUNE 29.

Northcote v. Brighton, at Croxton Pk.
 Prahran v. Brunswick, at Toorak Park.
 'Town v. Melb. City, at Williamstown.
 Essendon v. Pt. Melb., at Essendon.
 Footscray v. Nth. Melb., at Footscray.
 Vic. v. Barrier Ranges, at Broken Hill.

JULY 6.

'Town v. Essendon, at Williamstown.
 Prahran v. Northcote, at Toorak Park.
 Pt. Melb. v. Melb. City, at Pt. Melb.
 Brighton v. Footscray, at Brighton.
 Nth. Melb. v. Brunswick, at Nth. Melb.

JULY 13.

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 Essendon v. Footscray, at Essendon.
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 Northcote v. Nth. Melb., at Croxton Pk.

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 Prahran v. Essendon, at Toorak Park.
 Williamstown v. Nth. Melb., at W'town.

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